

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: <i>Charleston Methodist Episcopal Church</i>				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <i>North East corner Market and Bladen Sts.</i>				
CITY OR TOWN: <i>Charleston</i>				
STATE: <i>MD</i>		COUNTY: <i>Cecil</i>		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
<b>CATEGORY</b> (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<b>OWNERSHIP</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Semi</i>		<b>STATUS</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		<b>Public Acquisition:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		<b>ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC</b> Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: <i>Elders of the Methodist Episcopal Church</i>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <i>Market and Bladen Sts</i>				
CITY OR TOWN: <i>Charleston</i>		STATE: <i>MD</i>		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: <i>Clerk of the Circuit Court</i>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <i>Cecil County Courthouse</i>				
CITY OR TOWN: <i>Elkton</i>		STATE: <i>MD</i>		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This brick church is two stories high with the church room upstairs, offices and Sunday school and social rooms downstairs.

3 bays by 4, the entrance is in the narrow south end wall. The pitched roof/ridge runs north-south. The pitch is low, the cornice under wide eaves heavily dentellated.

Windows upstairs have stained glass in geometric pattern, downstairs clear sashes are 6 over 6. There is no steeple or belfry.

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SIGNIFICANCE			
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century		
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) <b>1856</b>			
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			
<p>A pleasant traditional brick church, generally quite plain.</p>			

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **JEAN S. EWING**

ORGANIZATION <b>MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST</b>	DATE
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STREET AND NUMBER: **2525 RIVA ROAD**

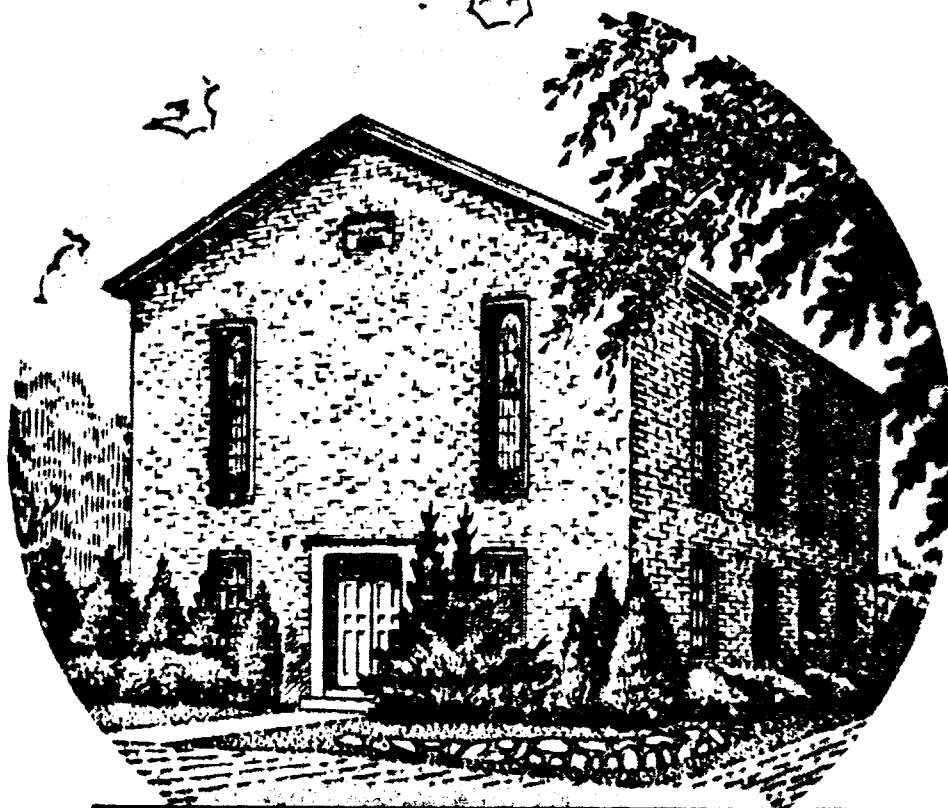
CITY OR TOWN: <b>ANNAPOLIS</b>	STATE <b>MARYLAND</b>
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12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



*St. John's Methodist Church*

*Charlestown, Maryland*

## METHODIST CHURCH

**Lot #53**

The first Methodist services in Charlestown were held in a large brick house that stood where the Methodist Parsonage is now. That house had belonged to John Ross Key, father of Francis Scott Key, author of The Star Spangled Banner. John Ross Key sold the house to Nathaniel Ramsey, Colonel in the Revolutionary War. In the early days of the rebellion, Colonel Ramsey was the leader of the Council of Safety in this area and many secretive meetings were held in his home. At his death, the town bought the house from his heirs and established the first church, which was shared by both Methodist and Presbyterian congregations.

In 1949 a brick Methodist parsonage was built on the approximate site of the original Ramsey House.

Four years after the organization of the Methodist Society in Charlestown, a small wooden frame church building was built. This church was occupied by the Methodist until 1856 when the congregation moved into the newly built brick church.

The Reverend James Neal of Philadelphia preached the dedicatory service and Bishop Scott dedicated the church at this service.





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Charlestown Methodist Church

Charlestown

Christopher Weeks      6/84

Negatives at MHT



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Methodist Church

Charlestown

Geoffrey Henry 3/85